

In the Specification

Kindly amend the specification at the third paragraph of page 17 as follows:

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At box 110, the FWM 57 operating in the switching process 48 ascertains whether there are any active mini-sessions 58 operating therein. As described above, mini-sessions 58 are instantiated and deleted during operation of the firewall device 40. If there are active mini-sessions 58, box 120 is carried out. Otherwise, box ~~13~~ 130 is carried out.